

### 3 Steps to Success (Trust, Wait, Reward)

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 - <sup>16</sup> All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:<sup>17</sup> That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

Giving Honor to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Today, our scripture lesson comes from 2 Timothy, Chapter 3, verses 16-17, as we lift up the name of the Lord. Our topic is "3 Steps to Success."

As we embrace the text, we realize that all scripture has a purpose. It is the inspired Word of God and it is beneficial for us. The Word is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. As we apply the Word of God in our lives, it brings success. Though there are many steps, I'd like to share 3 steps that will aid you tremendously on your journey towards success.

- **Trust**

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. "David said when my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Jesus said come, all that are weak and heavy laden and I will give thee rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. For my yoke is easy, and my burdens are light." When you get up in the morning – Trust in the Lord. In the noonday – Trust in the Lord. In the midnight hour – Trust in the Lord. He has proven time and time again that He will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory. Trust in the Lord!!!

- **Wait**

Isa 40:28-31 says, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Job said "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Job 14:14. Wait on Him!!! For He is worthy. Whatever the pain, struggle, or condition – our God will provide. Continue to wait on the Lord. Study the Word. Strengthen your prayer life and sing

a song of praise and continue to seek God's direction in your life. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. (Psalms 27:14)

- **Reward**

*Your Blessing is certainly on the way. 2: Cor. 5:1-8 says "For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our habitation (house) which is from heaven: if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by site. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

*The Good News is that the bad news won't last very long. Jesus said, "every city or house, divided against itself shall not stand" (Matt. 12:25). Ever since we were saved, there has been a division in the house. Eventually the old house will have to yield to the new one! Yes we are constantly renovating through the Word of God, but the truth is that God will eventually recycle what you and I have been trying to renovate! It is then that the groaning of the regenerated spirit within us will transform into pure Glory! I have come to realize something; that God's Word is TRUE. Perhaps you have known times of sorrow or frustration. Most of us at one time or another have found ourselves wrestling with ideas and emotions conceived in the mind vs. direction from the divine. For myself, I've learned that God will not be manipulated. If He said it, that settles it. So without question, He is: The Alpha and the Omega, The Bright and Morning Star, Our Jehovah Jirah, A friend to the friendless, a Father to the Fatherless, Our help in ages past, Our peace in the midst of the Storm, He's more for us than the whole world against us, No weapon formed against us shall prosper, ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD, WEAPING MAY ENDURE THROUGH THE NIGHT, BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING. JOY, STRENGTH, PEACE, AND LOVE.*

*In closing, 3 Steps to Success (Trust, Wait, Reward). Perhaps there's someone who has not trusted the Lord. You can't wait on Him, until you 1<sup>st</sup> trust Him. Secondly, you must wait on the lord. Thirdly, you will receive your reward. I remember the song somebody prayed for me had me on their mind, took the time to pray for me, I'm so glad she prayed, I'm so glad she prayed, I'm so glad she prayed for me. The scripture (Romans 10:8-11) says, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if*

*thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Amen.*